

**Minutes
Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting**

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Regular session on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas. The following CCIDC Members were present:

President	-	Bruce Tesch
Vice President	-	Andy Nunmaker (via telephone)
Treasurer	-	Dwain Dungen
Secretary	-	Larry Solansky (absent)
Board Member	-	Michael Ridlen
Board Member	-	Chuck Hall
Board Member	-	Vacant
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary	-	Dinah Jacobs

Also in attendance: Mayor Lori An Gobert

1. Call to Order.

President Bruce Tesch called the CCIDC meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were led by President Bruce Tesch.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of Invoices.
- b) Approval of August 2020 Financial Statements.
- c) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2020.
- d) Approval of the ACC Meeting minutes from August 31, 2020.

Michael Ridlen made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dwain Dungen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker(via telephone), Ridlen, Hall, Dungen, and Tesch
Absent: Solansky

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.

Raven and Travis Kocurek signed in to speak on item #8.

MOVE TO ITEMS #6-8

Enrique Fernandez, of Acornseekers gave a PowerPoint presentation and update on Acornseekers. They want to make a decision this year to be ready, and potentially would like to be in service by 2023. Fernandez stated it is a much bigger project than originally presented to the Board in the past. They think it makes sense to be in Texas, as "Made in Texas" has a high value and reputation in the meat industry. Fernandez stated they had made no official application. Their first choice would be Columbus, but the workforce causes concern. Tesch stated they needed to complete an application and return to us. Dinah Jacobs will resend the application first thing in the morning.

5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report on sales tax, stating sales tax was down compared to this time period last year. This is the September payment for July collections. The sales tax portion for CCIDC was \$44,853 compared to \$46,309 last year. Warschak stated the cities of Eagle Lake and Weimar saw increases, while the county showed a decrease.

MOVE TO ITEM #9

6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the Rail Spur Agreement with Enterprise Crude Pipeline, LLC.

Tesch stated this is the rail spur at the Industrial Park. It will auto renew if the Board approves the renewal.

Dwain Dungen made a motion to renew the Rail Spur Agreement with Enterprise Crude Pipeline, LLC. Andy Nunmaker seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker(via telephone), Ridlen, Hall, Dungen, and Tesch
Absent: Solansky

The motion passed.

7. Discussion and Action, to award the bank depository bid.

Industry State Bank was the only bank to return a bid.

Chuck Hall made a motion to approve award the bank depository bid to Industry State Bank for a two year period with an option of a one year extension. Dwain Dungen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker (via telephone), Hall, Dungen, Ridlen, and Tesch
Absent: Solansky

The motion passed.

8. Discussion and Action, if necessary, to approve a Business Improvement Grant for Hound Song Brewing Co, LLC.

Raven and Travis Kocurek of Hound Song Brewing spoke on behalf of their grant application. After questions and discussions, along with time constraints, it was decided by Raven and Travis Kocurek to withdraw their BIG application for 2019-2020 and reapply during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

No action at this time.

MOVE BACK TO ITEM #4

9. Discussion and Action, if necessary, to approve the 2020-2021 budget.

Let the record reflect that Andy Nunmaker departed the meeting at 6:27pm.

Donald Warschak, Bruce Tesch, and Dwain Dungen met informally with Mayor Lori An Gobert to discuss the budget the Council was reviewing, as well as asking for some requests the Council would like to see. Previously the Park Infrastructure amount was broken out due to the advice of the attorney. Upon further discussion, the amount did not need to be broken down. There was a request for part of the infrastructure amount to be moved to economic development. The Mayor stated Council was not rejecting the previously approved budget, they were just looking for more flexibility and the budgeting of amounts in different line items. Just moving funds around with no change to the bottom line.

Dwain Dungen made a motion to approve the new budget as amended and to send it back to Council for approval. Chuck Hall seconded the motion.

Ayes: Hall, Dungen, Ridlen, and Tesch
Absent: Solansky and Nunmaker

The motion passed.

MOVE TO ITEM #13

10. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding any prospective companies interested in land at the Crossroads Business Park.

There were no inquiries at this time.

11. **Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 consultations with attorney, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property and Section 551.087 deliberation regarding economic development.**

This item was not needed.

12. **Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if any, regarding Executive Session, deliberations regarding real property and economic development.**

This item was not needed.

13. **Discussion of items to be placed on future agendas and announcements.²**

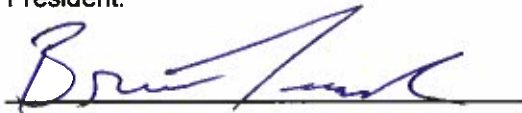
Tesch read a thank you letter sent by the Boys and Girls Club for the Community Development Grant they had received.

There were no other announcements.

14. **Adjournment.**

With no further discussion or comments, Tesch adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

President:



Attest

Secretary:

